

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of the Claims:

Following is a listing of all claims in the present application, which listing supersedes all previously presented claims:

Claim 1. (Withdrawn) A method for highlighting portions of information of an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

displaying a portion of the electronic book on the viewer;

receiving a request from the subscriber to highlight selected information of the electronic book;

displaying a task bar for use in receiving the request; and

highlighting at least a portion of the electronic book based upon the subscriber's request.

Claim 2. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, further including displaying the highlighted portion of the electronic book.

Claim 3. (Withdrawn) A method for cutting information and pasting the information into an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

receiving a first request from the subscriber to cut selected

information from an information source;

removing and saving the selected information from the information source;

receiving a second request from the subscriber to paste the selected information into an electronic book; and inserting the selected information into the electronic book based upon the subscriber's second request.

Claim 4. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 3, further including displaying a task bar for use in receiving the first and second requests.

Claim 5. (Withdrawn) A method for copying information and pasting the information into an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

receiving a first request from the subscriber to copy selected information from an information source;

copying and saving the selected information from the information source;

receiving a second request from the subscriber to paste the selected information into the electronic book; and

inserting the selected information into the electronic book based upon the subscriber's second request.

Claim 6. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 5, further including displaying a task bar for use in receiving the first and second requests.

Claim 7. (Withdrawn) A method for annotating text of an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

displaying a portion of the electronic book on a viewer;

receiving a request from the subscriber to annotate the displayed portion of the electronic book;

displaying a task bar for use in receiving the request;

receiving annotation information; and

associating the annotation information with the electronic book based upon the subscriber's request.

Claim 8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, further including displaying the annotation information along with the displayed portion of the electronic book.

Claim 9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 8, further including displaying the annotation information along with the displayed portion of the

electronic book.

Claim 10. (Withdrawn) A method for annotating text of the electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

displaying a portion of the electronic book on the viewer;

receiving annotation information and a request from the subscriber to annotate the displayed portion of the electronic book;

associating the annotation information with the electronic book based upon the subscriber's request;

displaying the annotation information along with the displayed portion of the electronic book; and

permitting the subscriber to move a location of the annotation information within the electronic book.

Claim 11-12. (Canceled)

Claim 13. (Currently Amended) A method for displaying at least one selected page of an electronic book displayed on a viewer having a plurality of hardware screens, each capable of being physically connected and

disconnected, comprising:

receiving a request from a subscriber for displaying at least one page of the electronic book on the viewer;

formatting the selected page for display on the screens of the viewer; and

providing the selected page for display across the screens of the viewer.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the formatting step includes formatting the page for display on three hardware screens.

Claim 15. (Original) The method of claim 13, further including displaying a task bar for use in receiving the request.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the formatting step includes enlarging the page for proportional display across the hardware screens.

Claim 17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein:

the receiving step includes receiving a request for displaying a plurality of pages; and

the formatting step includes reducing the pages for proportional display across the hardware screens

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, further including detecting a number of hardware screens within the viewer.

Claim 19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein:

the detecting step includes detecting a change in the number of hardware screens of the viewer; and

the formatting step includes reformatting the selected page for display based upon the detecting.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) A method for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an electronic book and content from a separate information source, comprising:

receiving a request from a subscriber for displaying at least a

portion of the electronic book and, afterward, receiving a request for
simultaneously displaying the content from a separate information source;

formatting the portion of the electronic book and the content from
the separate information source for simultaneous display; and

simultaneously displaying the portion of the electronic book and the
content from the separate information source, wherein the displaying step
includes displaying the content from the information source as an inset image,
fully inset within the displayed portion of the electronic book.

Claim 21. (Original) The method of claim 20, further including displaying a
task bar for use in receiving the request.

Claim 22. (Canceled)

Claim 23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further
including permitting the subscriber to move a location of the displayed inset
image.

Claim 24. (Currently Amended) A method for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an electronic book and content from a separate information source, comprising:

receiving a request from a subscriber for displaying at least a portion of the electronic book and, afterward, receiving a request for simultaneously displaying the content from a separate information source;

formatting the portion of the electronic book and the content from the separate information source for simultaneous display; and

simultaneously displaying the portion of the electronic book and the content from the separate information source, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the portion of the electronic book as wrapping around the displayed content from the information source.

Claim 25. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the portion of the electronic book and the content from the information source as side-by-side images.

Claim 26. (Original) The method of claim 20, further including reversing a position of the displayed portion of the electronic book and the content from the information source.

Claim 27. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the step includes receiving a video signal as the content from the information source.

Claim 28. (Currently Amended) A method for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an electronic book and content from a separate information source, comprising:

receiving a request from a subscriber for displaying at least a page of an electronic book and the content from the separate information source;

formatting the page of the electronic book and the content from the separate information source for simultaneous display including:

displaying the content from the information source as an inset image, fully inset within the page of the electronic book; and

formatting the page of the electronic book to display a portion of the page otherwise concealed by the inset image; and

simultaneously displaying the page of the electronic book and the content from the separate information source.

Claim 29. (Original) The method of claim 28, further including:

permitting the subscriber to move the inset image to a new location within the page of the book; and

reformatting the page of the electronic book, upon detecting the new location of the inset image, to display the portion of the page otherwise concealed by the inset image.

Claim 30. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for highlighting portions of information of an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

a display module that displays a portion of an electronic book on a viewer;

a command module that receives a request from the subscriber to highlight selected information of the electronic book;

a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the request; and

a highlight module that highlights at least a portion of the electronic book based upon the subscriber's request.

Claim 31. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 30, further including a section module that displays the highlighted portion of the electronic book.

Claim 32. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for cutting information and pasting the information into an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

an image cut module that receives a first request from the subscriber to cut selected information from an information source;

an image paste module that receives a second request from the subscriber to paste the selected information into an electronic book; and

an image insert module that inserts the selected information into the electronic book based upon the subscriber's second request.

Claim 33. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 32, further including a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the first and second requests.

Claim 34. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for copying information and pasting the information into an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

an image copy module that receives a first request from the subscriber to copy selected information from an information source;

an image save module that copies and saves the selected

information from the information source;

an image paste module that receives a second request from the subscriber to paste the selected information into an electronic book; and

an image insert module that inserts the selected information into the electronic book based upon the subscriber's second request.

Claim 35. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 34, further including a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the first and second requests.

Claim 36. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for annotating text of an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

a display module that displays a portion of an electronic book on a viewer;

an annotate module that receives a request from the subscriber to annotate the displayed portion of the electronic book;

a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the request;

a save module that receives annotation information; and

an associate module that associates the annotation information with the electronic book based upon the subscriber's request.

Claim 37. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 26, further including an annotation display module that displays the annotation information along with the displayed portion of the electronic book.

Claim 38. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 37, further including an annotation move module that permits the subscriber to move a location of the annotation information within the electronic book.

Claim 39. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for annotating text of an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising:

a display module that displays a portion of an electronic book on a viewer;

an annotate module that receives annotation information and a request from the subscriber to annotate the displayed portion of the electronic book;

an associate module that associates the annotation information with the electronic book based upon the subscriber's request;

an annotation display module that displays the annotation information along with the displayed portion of the electronic book; and

an annotation move module that permits the subscriber to move a location of the annotation information within the electronic book.

Claim 40. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for simultaneously displaying selected pages of an electronic book displayed on a viewer, comprising a plurality of hardware screens, each capable of being physically connected and disconnected, the apparatus, comprising:

a command module that receives a request from a subscriber for simultaneously displaying at least a portion of any plurality of pages of the electronic book as selected by the subscriber;

a format module that formats the selected pages for simultaneous display; and

a display module that simultaneously displays the portions of the selected pages on the plurality of hardware screens of the viewer.

Claim 41. (Original) The apparatus of claim 40, further including a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the request.

Claim 42. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for displaying at least one selected page of an electronic book displayed on a viewer having a plurality of

hardware screens, each capable of being physically connected and disconnected, comprising:

a command module that receives a request from a subscriber for displaying at least one page of an electronic book on the viewer;

a format module that formats the selected page for display on the screens of the viewer; and

a display module that provides the selected page for display across the screens of the viewer.

Claim 43. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the format module includes a multiple page format module that formats the page for display on three hardware screens.

Claim 44. (Original) The apparatus of claim 42, further including a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the request.

Claim 45. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein the format module enlarges the page for proportional display across the hardware screens.

Claim 46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein:

the command module receives a request for displaying a plurality of pages; and

the multiple page format module reduces the pages for proportional display across the hardware screens.

Claim 47. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 42, further including a screen detect module that detects a number of hardware screens within the viewer.

Claim 48. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 47, wherein:

the screen detect module includes a screen change module that detects a change in the number of hardware screens of the viewer; and

the format module includes a reformat module that reformats the selected page for display based upon the detected change.

Claim 49. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an electronic book and content from

a separate information source, comprising:

a command module that receives a request from a subscriber for displaying at least a portion of an electronic book and, afterwards receives a request for simultaneously displaying the content from the separate information source;

a format module that formats the portion of the electronic book and the content from the separate information source for simultaneous display; and

a display module that simultaneously displays a portion of the electronic book and the content from the separate information source, wherein the display module displays the content from the separate information source as an inset image within the displayed portion of the electronic book.

Claim 50. (Original) The apparatus of claim 49, further including a task module that displays a task bar for use in receiving the request.

Claim 51. (Canceled)

Claim 52. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 49, further including an image move module that permits the subscriber to move a location of the displayed inset image.

Claim 53. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an electronic book and content from a separate information source, comprising:

a command module that receives a request from a subscriber for displaying at least a portion of an electronic book and, afterward receives a request for simultaneously displaying the content from the separate information source;

a format module that formats the portion of the electronic book and the content from the separate information source for simultaneous display; and

a display module that simultaneously displays the portion of the electronic book and the content from the separate information source, wherein the display module displays the portion of the electronic book as wrapping around the displayed content from the information source.

Claim 54. (Original) The apparatus of claim 49 wherein the display module displays the portion of the electronic book and the content of from the information source as side-by-side images.

Claim 55. (Original) The apparatus of claim 49, further including a reverse image module that reverses the position of the displayed portion of the electronic book and the content from the information source.

Claim 56. (Original) The apparatus of claim 49, wherein the command module includes a receiving module that receives a video signal as the content from the information source.

Claim 57. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for simultaneously displaying on a viewer a selected portion of an electronic book and content from a separate information source, comprising:

a command module that receives a request from a subscriber for displaying at least a page of an electronic book and content from the separate information source;

a format module that formats the page of the electronic book and the content from the separate information source for simultaneous display, including:

a first display module that displays the content from the separate information source as an inset image, fully inset within a page of the electronic book; and

a page format module that formats the page of the electronic book to display a portion of the page otherwise concealed by the inset image; and

a second display module that simultaneously displays the page of the electronic book and the content from the separate information source.

Claim 58. (Original) The apparatus of claim 57, further including:

an image move module that permits the subscriber to move the inset image to a new location within the page of the electronic book; and a reformat module that reformats the page of the electronic book, upon detecting the new location of the inset image; to display the portion of the page otherwise concealed by the inset image.

Claims 59. (Withdrawn) An apparatus that manipulates images in an electronic book viewer, comprising:

a display that displays a portion of an electronic book, wherein the portion of the electronic book is displayed as an image comprising one or more of text, graphics, data, information, still video and moving video;

a control that receives a command to manipulate the portion of the

electronic book;

a processor that interprets the commands, the processor causing the display to alter the image provided by the portion of the electronic book; and

a memory that stores the altered image.

Claim 60. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 59, further comprising a task bar, the task bar including commands that can be used to manipulate the images.

Claim 61. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 59, wherein the commands include one or more of highlight, cut, paste, zoom, and rescale.

Claim 62. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 59, wherein the command includes a command to display a picture-in-picture image.

Claim 63. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 60, wherein the picture-in-picture image is displayed in a window in the display.

Claim 64. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the window is scalable.

Claim 65. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the window is provided in a side-by-side format.

Claim 66. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 63, wherein multiple windows are provided.

Claim 67. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the portion of the electronic book displays text, and wherein the text wraps around the window.

Claim 68. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the picture-in-picture image is one or more of a video feed, a television program, a data signal from a personal computer, voice-to-text translation from a telephone message, and an Internet web page.

Claim 69. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 68, wherein the

television program is provided by on of a set top terminal, a video tape recorder tuner, a video connector, a personal computer, a telephone system, an Internet and a television broadcast.

Claim 70. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 63, wherein the picture-in-picture image is manipulated by selecting the window and by selecting all of or a portion of the picture-in-picture image for manipulation.

Claim 71. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 59, further comprising one or more additional displays, the one or more additional displays capable of connection to the electronic book viewer, wherein the processor manipulates the image to display separate sections of the image on each of the display and the one or more additional displays.

Claim 72. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 59, wherein the commands are entered using one or more of a wired keyboard, a wireless keyboard and a soft keyboard.

Claim 73. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 72, wherein the one or more additional displays comprise hinges, wherein the one or more additional

displays fold in a same manner as pages in a book.

Claim 74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the number of hardware screens capable of being connected and disconnected is variable.

Claim 75. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 74, further comprising:

formatting the selected page for display on a variable number of screens of the viewer.

Claim 76. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, further comprising:

formatting the page of the electronic book to display a portion of the page otherwise concealed by the simultaneously displayed inset image.

Claim 77. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the separate information source is selected from a group consisting of an additional electronic book, an electronic atlas, a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a website, a

video, a recipe, a collection of measurement conversions, multimedia information, a live television broadcast, a video feed, text from an additional electronic source, and an image from an additional electronic source.

Claim 78. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 77, wherein the content from the separate information source relates to the subject of the text of the electronic book.

Claim 79. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 78, wherein the content from the separate information source is linked to the text of the electronic book.

Claim 80. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the separate information source is selected from a group consisting of an additional electronic book, an electronic atlas, a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a website, a video, a recipe, a collection of measurement conversions, multimedia information, a live television broadcast, a video feed, text from an additional electronic source, and an image from an additional electronic source.

Claim 81. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 80, wherein the

content from the separate information source relates to the subject of the text of the electronic book.

Claim 82. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 81, wherein the content from the separate information source is linked to the text of the electronic book.